Mr. I N. Menon.—A certain proportion was fixed. They were to be admitted in proportion to the number of applications received.

The Karuvannur river diversion scheme.

125. Mr. Joseph Pettah.—Will the Government be pleased to place on the table.

(a) a statement of the successive stages in which the Karuvannur river diversion scheme has been proposed to be carried out ;

(b) what works have been undertaken in 1107 in furtherance of the above scheme ;

(c) do the Government intend to undertake any works in 1108 towards the same object, so as to minimise the disastrous floods in the Karuvannur region ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—(a) The Member is referred to the statement of the sucecssive 4 stages of the works published in the Government Gazette of 4th Karkadagam 1105, Part I, pp. 931 and 932. (vide also statement appended). (*Appendix V*).

(b) With the extension of the Chirakkal thodu further west, the first stage of the proposed works has been completed.

(c) No decision has yet been arrived at as to the particular works to be done in 1108. The matter is, however, engaging the earnest attention of the Government.

Mr. Joseph Pettah.—(b) May I know whether this completion referred to was done in 1107?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—Yes.

Mr. Joseph Pettah—(c). May I know what necessity was there for any decision when the scheme was already laid down in successive stages?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—If the Hon'ble Member would read the scheme he would find that after every stage has been completed, the results of the work should be watched before the next stage is embarked upon. The first stage is completed. It was thought necessary that we should have an idea as to how we have solved the problem and the Government thought it advisable to have it scrutinised by another expert Engineer and he has come and his report has not been yet received.

Cutting down of avenue banyan trees on the Trichur-Kunnamkulam road that are in a dangerous condition.

126. Mr. Joseph Pettah.—(a) Are the Government aware that many of the avenue banyan trees along the Trichur-

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Kunnamkulam road are in a dangerous condition, constituting a serious menace to the people and buses that pass along that road ;

(b) will the Government be pleased to state whether they intend to take immediate steps for removing the danger by having the above trees cut down ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—(a) No.

(b) Such trees as, on periodical inspections, appear dangerous to traffic or people are removed immediately.

Mr. Joseph Pettah.—May I know who is the officer who carries out such periodical inspection?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—The officers of the Agricultural Department, when they note anything untoward, cut down these trees.

Mr. Joseph Pettah.—May I know when did the officer last inspect the road in question?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—I have no information. I want notice.

Nuisance from toddy shops located near roads.

127. Mrs. Swaris.—Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(a) If it not their policy about the location of toddy shops to fix the sites sufficiently away from public roads ;

(b) had the Government received complaint about the location of the Kizhakkumpattukara toddy shop for the coming year 1108, pointing out that the site is too near the public road where 4 roads meet and that it is a source of great nuisance both to the public that have to use the road and to the people that dwell in the vicinity ;

(c) have not the petitioners pointed out a less objectionable site about 50 yards away from the public road in the very same compound that faces the public road ;

(d) what action does the Government propose to take to grant relief in the matter to the suffering public ?

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—(a) Yes; as far as possible.

(b) Yes ;

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